Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 09 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 10 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 09 Oct 2023 at 02:22 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a drier, brighter day on Monday with lighter winds, then a change to colder, windy and wetter, conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Monday 09 Oct 2023: Mostly dry and becoming brighter. Winds strengthening in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 09 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	10%	10%	30%	40%

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Weather: Cloudy at first on Monday with still the odd patch of light rain, then much of the day will be dry with clouds breaking to give some bright or sunny spells, but the far west and coastal ranges likely to keep cloud and patchy drizzle. Thickening cloud will bring light rain into western ranges such as Knoydart, Skye and Torridon later in the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% improving 70% by afternoon, but 40% over far western ranges and more generally during the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Misty at first with extensive fog above about 400 to 500m. This will lift up the hills and breaking up later in the morning with mostly good visibility beneath the cloud, but still broken cloud down to 400 to 600m in far west at times. There will be a canopy of higher level cloud above many of the summits. Visibility will become poor later in the day over hills in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	15/17 W	11/14 W	15/20 SW	21/26 SW	21/26 SW	34/41 SW	37/47 SW
900	14/17 W	10/14 W	13/18 SW	19/24 SW	19/24 SW	31/39 SW	35/45 SW
600	10/12 W	9/12 W	11/16 SW	14/19 SW	15/20 SW	19/27 S	25/34 SW
300	2/13 NW	1/9 W	2/13 SW	3/16 SW	1/16 SW	3/22 SW	8/33 SW
Glen	4/9 NW	2/6 W	5/10 W	4/9 SW	2/13 SW	5/17 SW	13/28 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/0	4/0	5/0	5/0	7/2	8/3	9/4
900	5/1	5/2	5/1	6/2	7/3	9/4	9/4
600	7/4	7/5	8/5	8/5	9/6	10/7	11/7
300	10/9	9/9	11/10	11/10	10/10	11/11	12/10
Glen	12/11	12/12	13/12	13/12	13/13	14/13	14/12
Freezing Level*	2000m	2100m	2200m	2600m	3000m	2800m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A lot of mist and low cloud at first, then a window of fine walking conditions, before they become difficult from Tuesday onwards.

Forecast for Tuesday 10 Oct 2023
Weather: Cloudy with mainly light rain at first, mostly in west, but some heavier rain over Knoydart and rain becoming more persistent during the morning. The rain will become heavier in the early afternoon and move across all ranges, but drier, clearer weather will follow later in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Strong southwest winds, average speeds 35 to 35mph with gusts 50mph on the tops. Winds becoming westerly during the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in west, 40% in east and more generally in the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Often misty in west of area with poor visibility as rain becomes heavier. Also extensive cloud cover above about 600 to 700m with patches forming lower down. Visibility will be mostly good in east towards Ben Wyvis at first and again later in the day with clouds above some of the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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